

# Household Pulse Survey User Notes

## Phase 3.4

**Date: April 20, 2022**

### [Release Note on Health Tables 5b and 5c](#)

In Health Tables 5b and 5c, the Household Pulse Survey (HPS) Team added a column under the VAC5 (vaccination status of children) header for tabulations of VAC5 = 3 (“Don’t know vaccination status of children”). This column is available beginning with the Week 44 data release. Data users can find more information in an updated version of the Phase 3.4 Table Specifications on the [Technical Documentation](#) webpage.

### [Release Note on Housing Tables 3a and 3b](#)

In Housing Tables 3a and 3b, the HPS Team added a stub underneath the HSE6 (months behind on mortgage/rental payments) header for tabulations of HSE6 = 0 (“Less than 1 month behind on mortgage/rental payments”). This table stub is available beginning with the Week 44 data release. Data users can find more information in an updated version of the Phase 3.4 Table Specifications on the [Technical Documentation](#) webpage.

### [Release Note on Standard Error Education Table 6 for Week 43](#)

The formula that produced standard errors in the “Did not report” column (Column H) of Standard Error Education Table 6 was not properly updated before the table was released in Week 43 (March 23, 2022). The HPS Team reproduced the table after updating the formula and re-released the table with the correct standard errors on April 20, 2022.

### [Release Note on EMP7 \(CHLDCARE\)](#)

In Weeks 34 to 43, the HPS data collection instrument did not export values of 3 (“Not Applicable”) from EMP7. These data appear as missing responses in the Public Use Files (PUF) instead of CHLDCARE = 3. The HPS Team adjusted the instrument and all EMP7 values are now present in the data for Week 44.

**Date: March 23, 2022**

### [Release Note on Phase 3.4 Collection of the Household Pulse Survey](#)

On March 2, 2022, the Household Pulse Survey (HPS) entered Phase 3.4. There have been multiple changes to the questionnaire, including the addition of new questions and the adjustment of existing questions (see Release Note on New Content and Updated Questionnaire below).

Phase 3.4 is currently scheduled to collect data into May 2022. Phase 3.4 maintains the two-weeks on, two-weeks off collection and dissemination approach that began with Phase 3.3. Please find the anticipated collection periods and data releases below.

Week 43 - March 2 - March 14, 2022 (data released on March 23, 2021)

Week 44 - March 30 - April 11, 2022 (data released April 20, 2022)

Week 45 - April 27 - May 9, 2022 (data released May 18, 2022)

Users can access the Phase 3.4 questionnaire on the [Measuring Household Experiences during the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Pandemic](#) website, and all previous questionnaires from the survey are available on the [Technical Documentation](#) webpage.

## Release Note on New Content and Updated Questionnaire

### New Questions for Phase 3.4

Beginning with Week 43 (collection period March 2 - March 14, 2022), the Household Pulse Survey questionnaire changed to include the following items:

- A new question has been added on respondent's receipt or intention to receive a COVID-19 vaccine booster (RBOOSTER).
- A new question asks how children in the household who are enrolled in public or private school received their education during the past seven days (RCVEDUC1-RCVEDUC8).
- A new question asks if children in the household who are enrolled in public or private school engaged in a combination of in-person learning at school and other forms of learning, such as virtual instruction, during the past seven days (LEARNFMT).
- For households with children enrolled in public or private school, a new question asks how many days those students had real time contact with teachers via video, in person, or phone during the last week (SCHLHRS).
- A new question asks how many days during the past week the respondent or someone in their household has teleworked or worked from home (TWDAYS).
- The former question about receipt of the "Child Tax Credit" (CTC) in the last four weeks has been updated to ask if any adults in the household has claimed the CTC on their 2021 Federal tax return (CTC\_CLAIM; former variable name was CTC\_YN). For households who have claimed the CTC on their tax return, a new question asks about receipt of the CTC (CTC\_REFUND).

### Updated Questions for Phase 3.4

Additionally, adjusted questionnaire items include:

- The response options for the question asking whether any children in the household have received at least one COVID-19 vaccination have been expanded to include children's age categories (KIDDOSES\_5\_11Y, KIDDOSES\_12\_17Y; former variable name was KIDDOSES).
- The response options for the question asking about vaccine plans for children in the household have been expanded to include children's age categories (KIDGETVAC\_5\_11Y, KIDGETVAC\_12\_17Y; former variable name was KIDGETVAC).

- The reference period for questions has asking about applying or receiving Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits has been updated from **June 1, 2021** to **January 1, 2022** (UI\_APPLYRV, UI\_RECVRV).

## Release Note on Updated Phase 3.4 Table Specifications

Data users can find the most updated table specifications on the main [Technical Documentation](#) webpage. Changes to the tables include:

### Child Tax Credit Table 1

The table was reformatted to reflect the new Child Tax Credit content. This update includes replacing columns for CTC\_YN with columns for CTC\_CLAIM and CTC\_REFUND.

### Education Table 5

A new table has been added showing learning formats for children in public or private school in the last seven days.

### Education Table 6

A new table has been added showing the frequency of live contact with teachers for children enrolled in public or private school in the last seven days.

### Health Table 5b

Two of the questions related to COVID-19 vaccines and children have been expanded to include response options for each reported child age category. This table has an updated universe to reflect households with children ages 5-11, whereas previously these tables only had data for households with children ages 5-17.

### Health Table 5c

This table is structured exactly as Health Table 5b, but the universe is households with children ages 12-17 and not ages 5-11.

### Spending Table 2

Stubs for the new content on number of days teleworked or worked from home during the past week were added to the bottom of the table.